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Mr. Kissinger/
The President:

K: Hello.

P: Hi, Henry.

K: Mr. President.

P: Where are you. In New York?

K: No, I am in Washington. I am working. I may go to the football game this afternoon if I get through.

P: Good. Good. Well it is the opener. It is better than television. Nothing new of any importance or is there?

K: Nothing of very great consequence. The Chilean thing is getting consolidated and of course the newspapers and bleeding because a pro-Communist government has been overthrown.

P: Isn't that something. Isn't that something.

K: I mean instead of celebrating - in the Eisenhower period we would be heros.

P: Well we didn't - as you know - our hand doesn't show on this one though.

K: We didn't do it. I mean we helped them. _____ created the conditions as great as possible(??)

P: That is right. And that is the way it is going to be played. But listen, as far as people are concerned let me say they aren't going to buy this crap from the Liberals on this one.

K: Absolutely not.

P: They know it is a pro-Communist government and that is the way it is.

K: Exactly. And pro-Castro.

P: Well the main thing was. Let's forget the pro-Communist. It was an anti-American government all the ~~wicked~~ way.

K: Oh, wildly.

P: And your expropriating. I notice the memorandum you sent up of the confidential conversation _____ set up a policy for reimbursement on expropriations and cooperation with the United States for breaking relations with Castro. Well what the hell that is a great treat(?) if they thing that. No don't let the columns and the bleeding on that

K: Oh, oh it doesn't bother me. I am just reporting it to you.

P: Yes, you are reporting it because it is just typical of the crap we are up against.

K: And the unbelievabe filthy hypocrisy.

P: We know that.

K: Of these people. When it is South Africa, if we don't overthrow them there they are raising hell.

P: Yes, that is right.

K: But otherwise things are faily quiet. The Chinese are making very friendly noises. I think they are just waiting for my confirmation to make a proposal.

P: When you say their noises are friendly, what do you mean?

K: Well their newspapers have stopped attacking us. They are blasting the Russians like crazy. And they have blasted them so much with Pompidou there that he is embarrassed. And Sy Sultzberger(?) had been denied a visa so we called them ~~there~~ to say that he was not like Reston. And within 24 hours he got a visa.

P: That is good.

K: You know that they wouldn't do unless they wanted to ingratiate themselves.

P: Right, right.

K: And I told you from the European front that is going along very well but I think they ought to play it cool until next spring. XX